

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel Claims 1, 2, 4, 5, 7-9, 27 and 28 without prejudice or disclaimer of the subject matter recited therein.

Please add new Claims 29-32 as follows.

Claims 1-28. (Cancelled).

29. (New) An image processing apparatus, comprising:

an input unit for inputting video image data;

an icon image generation unit for generating icon image data;

a synthesizing unit for synthesizing the video image data and the icon image data;

a display control unit for displaying video and icon images based on the synthesized video and icon image data on a monitor; and

a control unit for controlling the synthesizing unit so as to change a display position of the icon image at each time when displaying of the icon image starts, and so as not to change a display position of the icon image during the display of the icon image.

30. (New) The image processing apparatus according to claim 29, wherein, after an end of displaying the icon image, a display position of the icon image to be displayed next is determined.

31. (New) The image processing apparatus according to claim 30, wherein the displaying of the icon image on the monitor starts on a user's operation, and the control unit controls the synthesizing unit so as to display the icon image in the determined display position.

32. (New) An image processing method of synthesizing and displaying an input image and an icon image, comprising  
a controlling step of controlling a display position of the icon image to change each time of starting of the displaying of the icon image, and to not change until an end of the displaying of the icon image.